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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 25, 2004; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 5568/1020. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The notice states that the listing of the claims in a response to Office Action filed August 4, 2004 uses improper status identifiers. Applicant herein provides a substitute listing of claims to include the proper status identifiers. No new matter is added.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.